

March 13, 2014

**Division of Water Quality
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Notice of Public Comment Period**

**Proposed Interim Monitoring Plan for the 401 Water Quality Certification to temporarily close the East Culvert of the Union Pacific Railroad Causeway - Great Salt Lake.
SPK 2011-00755, dated December 16, 2013.**

Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ) is soliciting public comments regarding the proposed *Interim Monitoring Plan* dated January 15, 2014 (IMP), to fulfill condition #3 of the 401 Water Quality Certification, SPK 2011-00755, dated Dec. 16, 2013 (401 Cert.). The 401 Cert. was issued to temporarily close the East Culvert of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Causeway.

Permit Information

Permittee: Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)
Mailing Address: 1400 Douglas Street, Stop 0910, Omaha, Nebraska, 68179-0910
Facility Location: The East Culvert of the UPRR causeway is located at Mile Post 750.53, in Section 29, Township 6 North, Range 6 West, Salt Lake Meridian, 41.221 and -112.561, Box Elder County, Utah.
The causeway lies between Gilbert Bay and Gunnison Bay in Great Salt Lake, from the southern boundary of Promontory Point to Lakeside on the western shore of Great Salt Lake.

Permit Background

Condition #3 states that within 90 days of issuance of the 401 Cert. the Director of Water Quality will hold a 30-day public comment period for the IMP. The IMP is interim until superseded by an approved Monitoring and Mitigation Plan required by Condition #5 of the 401 Cert. Condition #3 of the 401 Cert. can viewed at: <http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/PublicNotices/pnarchive2014.htm>. The 401 Cert. is specifically for the temporary closure of the East Culvert but contains monitoring provisions for the entire causeway project. The 401 Cert. is also an authorization requirement for the issuance of USACE NWP 14 (SPK 2011-00755), dated Dec. 6, 2013.

Submission of Public Comments

The Public Comment period for this action begins with a notice posted on DWQ's website at: <http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/PublicNotices/index.htm>, on Thursday, March 13, 2014 through, **Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** All comments will be considered to determine whether to revise the proposed *Interim Monitoring Plan* to support the Utah Division of Water Quality 401 Water Quality Certification No. SPK 2011-00755, dated Dec. 16, 2013.

Please submit comments to Bill Damery at wdamery@utah.gov . Comments may also be submitted by mail to:

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Additional Information

Additional information listed below is also posted on DWQ's Public Notice website at: <http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/PublicNotices/index.htm>

- proposed *Interim Monitoring Plan* dated January 15, 2014.